Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Child abuse is a complex and ongoing problem in our society; and,

Whereas, Finding solutions to end child abuse depends on state and community involvement; and,

Whereas, Community support and involvement are needed to help families break the cycle of abuse, and to improve the well-being of families; and,

Whereas, Acts of violence committed through child abuse and neglect can be prevented through public awareness, outreach, and intervention; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Department of Social Services and South Dakota's Community Child Protection Teams want to remind parents, guardians, and other adults about the importance of supporting programs that foster prevention of child abuse and neglect, because every child is entitled to be safe, secure, loved, nurtured, and cared for:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 2010 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State